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SUBJ: DURBAN HARBOR CONGESTION REACHES NEW PEAK

REF: DURBAN A-112

1. CONGESTION IN DURBAN HARBOR HAS REACHED NEW PEAK WITH TOTAL OF 132 VESSELS ANCHORED IN AND OUTSIDE OF LONG-PLAGUED HARBOR ON JAN 27. REPAIR REPORTED INSTITUTION OF TWO SHIFT SYSTEM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16. DESPITE EXTRA HOURS NOW AVAILABLE TO HANDLE PORT TRAFFIC, NEW SYSTEM APPEARS TO HAVE PROVIDED LITTLE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO CHRONICALLY CONGESTED PORT IN FACE UNUSUALLY LARGE SHIPMENTS IN AND OUT.

2. PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WORST-EVER JAM COULD BE NEWLY ADOPTED PORT SURCHARGES AT OTHER SA PORTS. AS A RESULT OF RECENT SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA/USA CONFERENCE DECISION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9 PORT DETENTION SURCHARGES AT PORT ELIZABETH WERE RAISED TO 35 PER CENT AND AT EAST LONDON TO 50 PER CANT. THESE ARE ALSO ASSESSED AGAINST LONG LENGTH AND HEAVY LIFT CHARGES. WAITING PERIODS AT THOSE HARBORS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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OFTEN IN EXCESS OF ONE MONTH. SURCHARGES AT DURBAN HAVE THUS

FAR REMAINED AT 20 PER CENT.
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